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DRAFT LETTER TO MR. GORDON GRAY FROM THE DCI

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have noted with pleasure your acceptance of the very difficult assignment which the President recently requested you to assume as his Special Assistant.

In reading the published text of the President's letter of 31 March 1950 to you, I have formed the idea that the Central Intelligence Agency can be of material assistance in providing the intelligence support which you may require in the definition of the problem which you have been asked to attack. I particularly noticed the sentence in the last paragraph of the President's letter which reads, "The first phase of our work is to determine the nature, dimensions, and significance of this problem." In such a determination the intelligence aspects will be substantial.

My purpose in writing to you at this time is to offer intelligence support in your undertaking. I shall be glad personally to discuss the matter with you at any time, or I can make available one of our economists to examine the problem at your convenience.